

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figures 5 and 13 have been amended to correct spelling errors, and Figure 7 has been amended to include the reference numeral "110" discussed in the specification. Marked-up and formal drawings are enclosed.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15, 17 and 18 are pending in the present application. Claims 16 and 19-22 have been canceled and claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 19-22 were withdrawn from further consideration; claims 1 and 3-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as anticipated by Shintani; claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Shintani; claims 8 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Shintani in view of Kim; claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Shintani in view of Kim and Krishnamurthy et al.; and claims 9-13 and 16-18 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form and claim 5 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 16. Independent claim 1 has also been amended to include subject matter similar to that recited in claim 16. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 5 and 9 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable and the rejections noted in the Office Action

are moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Further, the specification and the drawings have been amended to correct minor informalities. It is believe no new matter has been added. The claims have also been amended to better correspond with U.S. claim drafting practice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No. 42,325 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$450.00 is attached herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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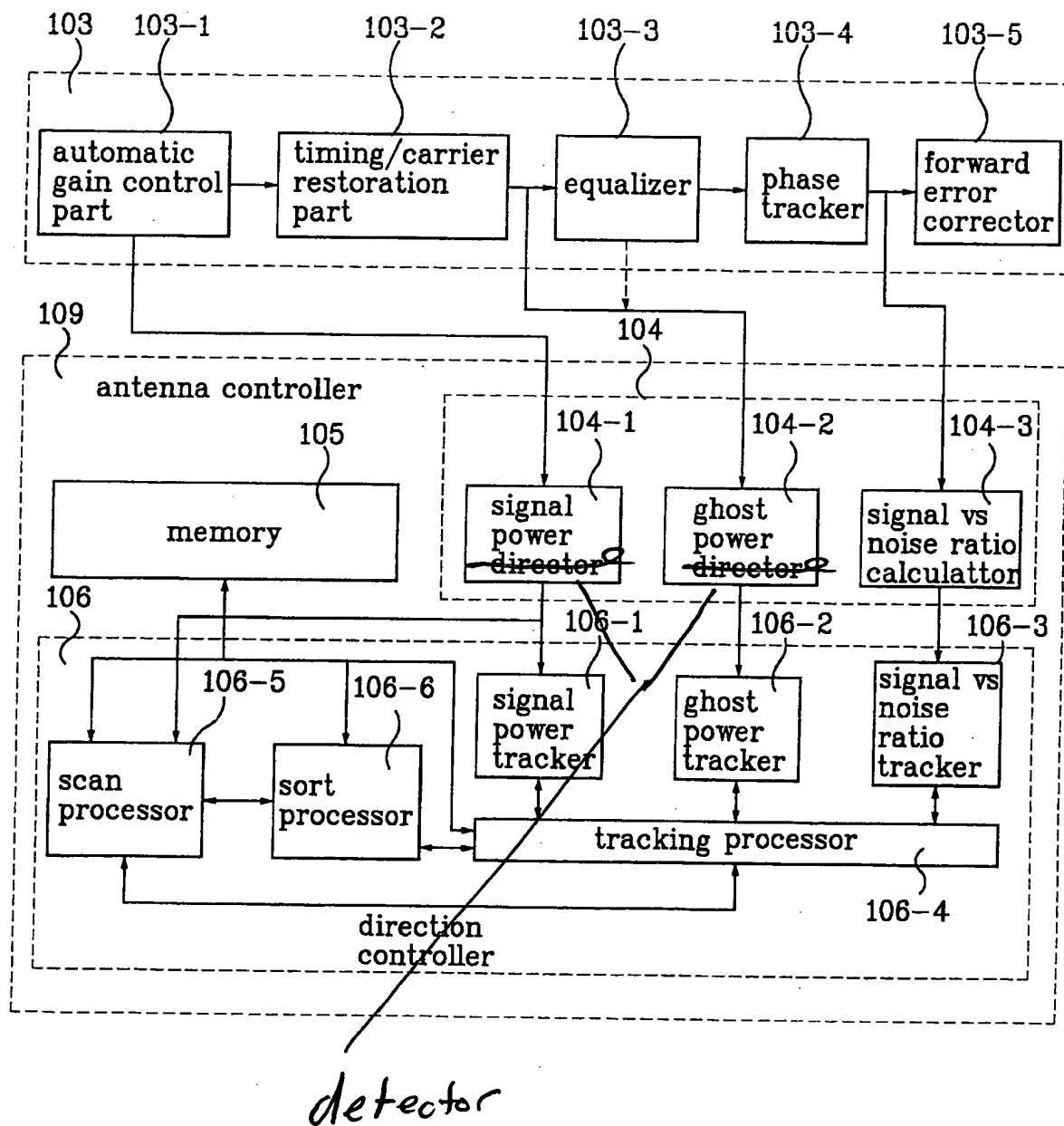
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FIG. 6

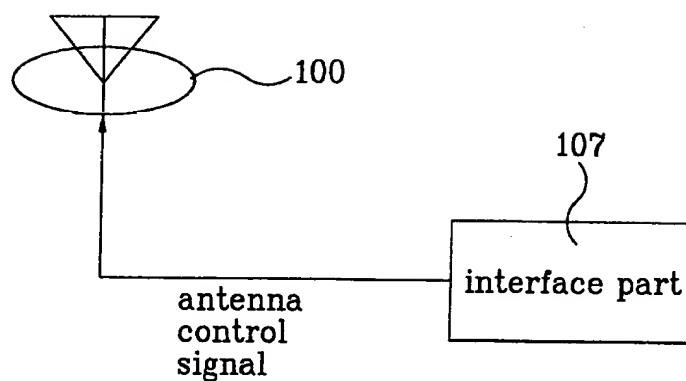
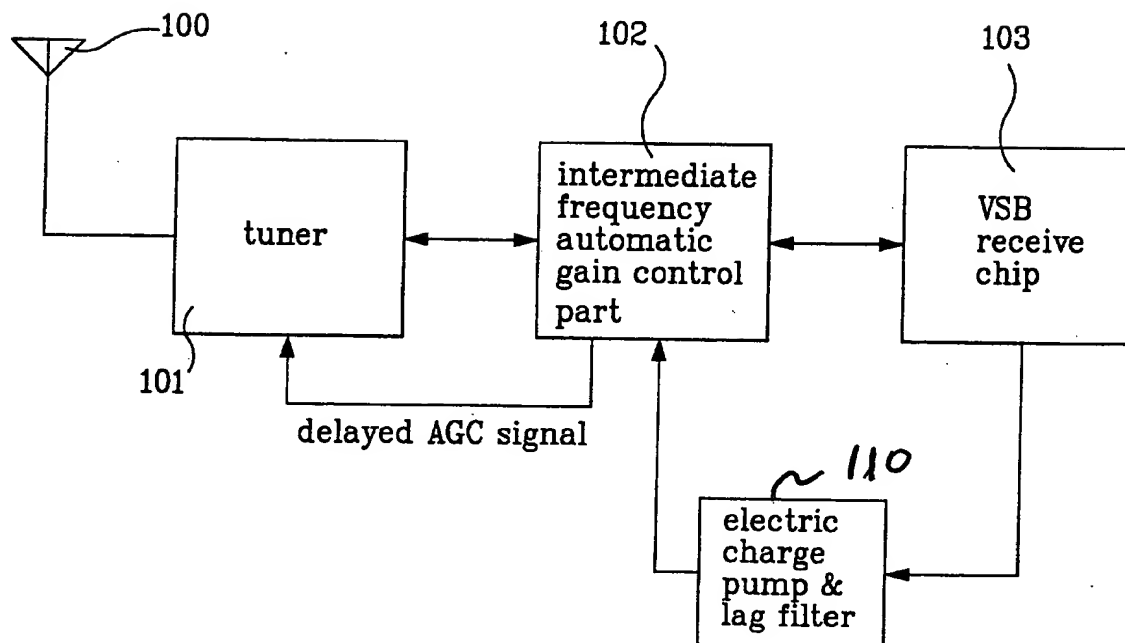


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